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SUBJ: GIEREK'S VISIT TO AIRCRAFT PLANT IN KIEV

1. SOVIET PLANS TO MAKE USE OF POLAND'S AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY
RECEIVED FURTHER EMPHASIS RECENTLY DURING GIEREK'S AUGUST
15 VISIT TO KIEV, ON HIS WAY BACK TO WARSAW FROM A CRIMEAN
VACATION. THE HIGHLIGHT OF HIS VISIT, ACCORDING TO POLISH
MEDIA, WAS A TOUR OF AN AIRCRAFT PLANT NEAR KIEV -- FULL
NAME: FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT OCTOBER -- AND
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OBSERVATION OF TEST FLIGHTS OF THE AN-28 AIRCRAFT WHICH
POLAND'S PZL AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY IS NOW PREPARING TO MANUFACTURE.

2. ALL WARSAW NEWSPAPERS AUG. 16TH FRONT-PAGED ARTICLES
ON GIEREK TOURING THE AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION LINES, TALKING
WITH WORKERS AND MEETING WITH SOVIET DESIGNER OLEG
ANTONOV TO DISCUSS THE MANY MERITS OF THE AN-28.

ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, PRODUCTION OF THE AN-28, WHICH IS POWERED BY TWO GAS TURBINE ENGINES, WILL REPLACE PRODUCTION OF THE AN-2 AIRCRAFT WHICH PZL HAS BEEN PRODUCING FOR THE PAST 17 YEARS. GIEREK MADE THE USUAL TESTIMONIALS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF POLISH-SOVIET ECONOMIC COOPERATION, ALTHOUGH THIS TIME IN A UKRAINIAN CONTEXT.

3. GIEREK ALSO WITNESSED TEST FLIGHTS OF THE AN-28, ACCORDING TO TRYBUNA LUDU, BUT WE NOTE THAT PRAVDA FOR AUG. 16 ALSO MENTIONS TEST FLIGHTS OF TWO LARGER ANTONOV AIRCRAFT, THE AN-32 AND AN-72. FILMS OF GIEREK WATCHING FLIGHTS OF ALL THREE AIRCRAFT WERE SHOWN ON WARSAW TV ON THE EVENING OF AUGUST 17 BUT NO MENTION OF THE AN-32 OR AN-72 HAS YET APPEARED IN THE POLISH PRESS.

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